swine from the affected countries.

b. Border States of Pakistan, Myanmar and Bangladesh have been alerted.

c. States have been advised to increase surveillance, especially around water bodies, advise farmers to keep poultry indoors; prevent intermingling of poultry with other species; report unusual mortality immediately; intensify vigilance across border to prevent trade especially illegal in restricted items.

d. Border security forces and customs filed formations have been alerted.

e. Information, Education, Communication (IEC) campaign has been stepped up in bordering States.

Export of mangoes to America and Japan

2728. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America and Japan have given permission for the export of Indian mangoes into their market;

(b) if so, how many tones of mangoes are expected to be exported to these two countries during the current season;

(c) which varieties of mangoes, available in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh would avail the opportunity of export;

(d) how much foreign exchange-is estimated to be earned from the trade;

(e) whether steps have been initiated to create awareness on quality produce and also provide incentives to the farmers to boost the mango exports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is expected that approximately 300-400 MTs of mangoes would

be exported to Japan in the current season. Export quantities to USA cannot be ascertained at this stage.

(c) In case of Japan six varieties of mangoes have been approved by the Quarantine Authority of Japan. These are Alphonso & kesar (grown in Maharashtra & Gujarat), Banganpalli (grown in Andhra Pradesh), Langra, Chausa and Mallika (grown in Uttar Prades, Bihar and West Bengal). In case of USA, there is no variety specific quarantine restriction and all commercial varieties can be exported to USA after irradiation.

(d) It is difficult to estimate the foreign exchange earning of export of mangoes to Japan and United States of America at this stage.

(e) and (f) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "National Horticulture Mission" with effect from 2005-06, which includes assistance to farmers for producing quality planting materials and capacity building plan involving training to farmers. Under Quality Development and Assurance Programme, measures have been taken to provide incentives and to create awareness on quality produce for exporters/producers by Agricultural and Processed Food Product Export Development Authority (APEDA). APEDA is also implementing various schemes to provide financial assistance for development of infrastructure, quality production, transport assistance, research and marketing.

Fisheries harbours on Gujarat coast

2729. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility survey was undertaken within the last six years by the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) for proposed fisheries harbours on Gujarat coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c>whether there is any planning to take up the work of new harbours during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?